Recd — May 6th

Ansd. May 28th

Louisville. Ky. April 30th 1841.

Dear Sir —

I have this moment placed in the hands of Dr Johnson, (a going physician of this place who is going to Galena,) a bundle containing a parcel of plants for you. The collection is not so large as it should have been, had I been earlier informed of your willingness to exchange; for before I knew your mind, I had disposed of the greater part of a large collection of duplicates. The present parcel consists chiefly of the Gramineæ and Cyperaceæ of Kentucky, together with some few other portions of the union; and a few miscellaneous species. In some future period, I trust to be able to make you a more extensive and general remittance.

Dr Johnson, who will be in St. Louis a few days, has promised me to deliver the parcel in safety to you. — wishing it safe to hand; and desiring you to favour me with your remarks thereon, — more especially if I have committed any errors in naming them,

I remain very truly & respectfully

Yours

C. U. Shortt.

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Rec'd Dec 23d
Answ. Jan 9th

Louisville, Ky. Dec. 18th 1841.

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My dear Sir—

Your favour of Dec. 1st reached me a few days ago; and yesterday I placed in the hands of a Merchant of this place who has a good deal of business with St. Louis, a small packet directed to you, containing my entire Stock of Cuscutas.— You will find some 10 or 12 Specimens, but how many Species I pretend not to say, for to be honest, I must confess, that I have paid no attention whatever to the genus; and but one of the Specimens I send is of my own collection. I am glad to learn that you have undertaken to tell us all about them; and will thank you when your return them Specimens to favour me with your remarks upon them; and to send me such as I may not have.

In relation to the Vebenas I am equally in the dark, for I have not observed the peculiarity to which you allude. Indeed, my whole time is, all the time, so constantly engaged in collecting plants and distributing them, that I have found no time for them critical Study— I did not know that the V. Aubletia was found so high up as St. Louis!— I had supposed it was confined to the Lower Miss.!— I was therefore not a little surprized to see it mentioned in a catalogue of the plants of a locality in the interior of Illinois!

Pray do not hurry yourself to send me the promised parcel of plants before it suits your entire and perfect convenience. If I get it before the campaign of collecting opens again in the Spring, it will be in good time.

Can you tell me what is meant by the "Pinyan, a fruit growing between Santa Fee and Injoni, on which the Traders are said to subsist in a great degree"?

Dana in his late work "Two Years before the mast", mentions a Vegetable much used on the Californian Coast under the name of Frijoles, which he speaks of as the "best Bean in the World". — Can you tell me what it is? —

My friend promises me to forward the little parcel to you by some safe hand very shortly — Wishing it soon and safely to your hands,

I remain very Respectfully
yours &c.
C. C. Sheets

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Dr Engelmann
St. Louis.

P. S. Have you ever been up the Kiporne as high as Fort Leavenworth? — How would you like to make an excursion to that place next summer?

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Rec'd Febr 5th
Ans March 16th

Lawrenceville, Ky. Jan 30th 1842

My dear Sir—

Your favour of the 23d reached me two Days ago, and yesterday morning I had the pleasure of receiving the long expected parcel of plants, which was sent to me by Mr Buckley.

In looking over it I find a few western plants which are new to me, and there, as well as your Cuscutes are eminently interesting and acceptable. Having once taken quite an extensive tour through the central portions of Illinois, the Botany of the Prairies of that State is familiar to me, and among your specimens I recognize many species collected by me on that tour,—as the Boebera, Ambrosia bidentata, Aster Sericeus, Liatris cylindracea, Dalea alopecuroides, Erigeron divaricatum, &c &c.— nevertheless the specimens you send are always acceptable for distribution among other correspondents, who have them not.

For several years past I have enjoyed the pleasure and profit of an interchange and correspondence, with a very liberal and accurate Botanist of Germany—Dr Steetz of Hamburg, from

whom I have received several parcels of recent and well preserved Specimens of European and especially German Plants — from Mirbel of Paris, I have most of those of France, and from Prof.r Meisner, of Basel, many of those of Switzerland. Besides those, through the kindness of Sir Wm. J. Hooker, almost the entire collection of Doucau, late of Montpelier, has fallen into my hands. So that from these Different Sources, together with the contributions of several British Botanists, my European Herbarium is, I believe, more complete than my American collection.

I shall bear in mind your wishes in relation to the Cuscutas; and if anything should occur to me on this subject previously to the publication of your paper, I will not fail to communicate it.

— The illustrations which your Specimens exhibit of the hybridization of the Verbenas are highly curious and interesting — May not the great multiplication of certain Species be thus accounted for? The hybrid produced by the Ipomoea quamoclit and I. coccinea, bears seed abundantly and is thus easily propagated.

Very Respectfully Your's

C. L. Short.

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P. S. I have long desired to see an authentic specimen of Rhamnus lanceolatus, Pursh. — That which you send under this name is identical with a plant abundant on the calcarious cliffs of the Kentucky River, and which I had no hesitation in referring to R. lanceolatus. Nuttall, however, pronounces it entirely different from Pursh's plant, and has called it R. Stolonifer.* Our plant is tetandrous — a shrub not exceeding 4–5 feet in height, with small black berries. Can you send me full grown leaves & fruit of your plant?—

I have on hand quite a large collection made last summer and received from Southern Correspondents, but I know not when I shall find the time to arrange and distribute them. When I do so you shall certainly have a share.

As yet I have received nothing for you from my friend Mr. Curtis, of N. Carolina; although I have been expecting a parcel from him myself, for the last year. Should anything reach me from him for yourself, I will forward it immediately.

Yours again
Asa Gray

* See Journ. Acad. Nat. Sc. Phila. Vol. V. Pt. 1.

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Rec'd April 23d
Ans. Sept 25th

Louisville, April 17th 1842.

My dear Sir—

I have the pleasure of informing you that the parcel of North Carolina plants promised to you by the Rev. Mr. Curtis, of that State, reached this a few days ago in a parcel of Books for Messrs Morton & Gris-wold. I requested these Gentlemen to forward it to St. Louis by the earliest safe conveyence, and they informed me to-day that they sent it on a day or two ago to the care of E. & A. Tracy, Merchants of that place. I trust that it will reach you safely, and I doubt not you will find the parcel a highly interesting one, for I have long interested Mr. Curtis among the most accurate of my botanical correspondents — His location too in a highly in-teresting region makes his collections peculiarly interesting.

Prof C. W. Short
Louisville
April 17
Sept 25

I rec'd in due time by the hands of Dr. Drake your printed Dissertation, together with your favour of the 16th of March, for both of which you will please to accept my thanks — The Japan plants which you mention would be most acceptable, for I have neph to none from that country. Duplicates also of the plants which you mention of your own neighbourhood would be highly acceptable, even to the extent of 20

or 30 Specimens of each! — This unreasonable request I fear may startle you, but I can easily dispose of that number in a single season; and hope to be able to make you a suitable equivalent in due time.

Did I inform you that my friend Mr. Wm Baker, of Ipswich, Massachusetts, is anxious to enlarge the circle of his correspondence and exchange with Southern and Western Botanists? — He is a most accurate and liberal botanist, and you will find his Specimens the most beautiful and perfect you have ever seen. If, therefore, you are not already supplied with a complete suite of the plants of New-England, and desire them, you could not possibly do better than to enter on an exchange with Mr. Baker.

Mr I. A. Lapham, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Territory, tells me that he will send to your care for me a parcel which he has ready. Will you do me the favour to forward it to this place, to the care of W. A. Richardson, Com.t Merchant.

Very Respectfully I am,
my dear Sir, yours &
C. C. Abbot

Dr. Englemann

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Rec^d July 17th
Ans. Aug 3^d
" Octo 26th

Louisville, Ky. July 13th 1843.

My dear Sir—

On returning to Louisville a few days ago, after an absence of several weeks, I had the pleasure of finding here your letter of June 22^d, together with a parcels of plants from you. For this, and especially for your very liberal supply of duplicates of species peculiar to your neighbourhood, I am very deeply indebted to you — an indebtedness which I will never repudiate, but hope soon to be able to discharge to the uttermost. —

I am much pleased to learn that you are at work on our Equisetæ and Euphorbias — two genera which it must be confessed are in a state of no very satisfactory settlement. — Of the former of these I know absolutely nothing, having never met with more than two or three species; and of the latter, although I possess a considerable number of specimens and species, yet I must confess that my knowledge is very imperfect. It therefore will afford me very great pleasure to send you all I have of these two genera; and must beg you to correct their labels, so far as you find them inaccurate, and to add any remarks which you may deem proper on any of the specimens. I will immediately put them up in a secure bundle, directed to you, and will request Mr Richardson to

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send it to you by some safe conveyance. Pleare to keep them as long as they may be of any use to you. I know nothing of Rafinesque's Equisetum praealtum, nor do I know where he has described it — I have the most of his botanical pamphlets, both being without an index it is an endless labour to find anything in them. —

I am inclined to believe that Riddell's Euphorbia Ideconii is identical with Michaux's E. dentata, as I think will appear from the Specimens sent: last summer I met with Riddell's form of the Species on the Ohio River below Cincinnati. I am much bothered with the little prostrate Species which I meet with on the Sandy borders of our Rivers and Road-sides, which although apearing a variety of forms are perhaps referrable to a few species.

I shall be greatly obliged to you for the Specimens from Japan which you are so kind as to promise me: and if there are any subscriptions not yet taken I would like to be considered as one of the Subscribers to the Rocky Mt. collector you have named. — My portion of money will be paid any time you may inform me of the amt. — Please also to consider me as a Subscriber to M. Lindheimer's Texan collection.

The last parcel rec'd from M. Meade contain Specimens of Heuchera Richardsonii; but I confess it seems to me very near to Heuchera grandiflora, Raf. which again I believe is H. pubescens, Pursh

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I am spending the summer in the country with my family, on the Ohio River a few miles below Cincinnati; where among other country pursuits, I borrow a full share of time on the collection of plants, &c. Next winter, I intend distributing them together with others in my hands from different sources among my friends, and I promise you in advance a full share of them. It may be late in the winter or perhaps even Spring before I shall be able to get through with the distribution, but sooner or later you shall have them.

A Letter addressed to me Clever, Hamilton County, Ohio. will find me there until I re to Louisville in the fall.

Very Respectfully
my dear Sir,
Your ours &c
C. L. Short.

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Dr Engelmann.

P. S. Do you know Nuttalls' aster amethystinus? It is certainly very near one which you have sent me under another name.

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Seds to leave the package at the bar of the Planters Hotel.

C. W. S.

July 14th 1843.

Missouri.

Asa Gray, M.D.

Cambridge,

Mass.

P. S. Mr Rutherford of this place starts to St Louis to day in the Meridian, and has kindly promi-

Rec'd Nov 7th
Ans Nov. 30

Louisville, Ky. Oct. 31st 1843.

My dear Sir—

Your favour of the 26th ult has this moment come to hand, and in the course of the summer I received in ohio your letter of the 3d August. This latter I declined to answer until I should have returned to Louisville, and now I sperne the pleasure of acknowledging both at once.

In regard to the fish, I thank you very kindly for the additions which you are pleased to make to my small parcel of Equisete. I know extremely little of this genus, having never met with more than 2 species, and only one of them in flower (or fruit?)— I hope you extend to publish your observations on these plants.

After the rest of your favour during the summer I kept on the look out for potamogetons but I met with not a solitary species!— This was in consequence of my spending the summer on the Ohio River near Cincinnati where there happens to be no water favourable to the growth of these aquatics. I shall be happy however to submit to you what species I have in my Herbarium, which are quite numerous, although I dare say not very accurately determined.—

I know but one other person in this place, or indeed no acd Kentucky, who pays any attention to Botany and he is a mere Tyro at it: so that I have no

hope of being able to assist you in the sale of the Specimens you mention. If you will send me on a parcels and let me know the price, I shall be immediately forwarded to you.

The Kentucky Plants marked in my collections of Euphorbia as E. peplus, is a common one in some portions of this state, and agrees precisely with your remarks in relation to your Missouri Species — It is here found almost exclusively in rocky situations — is certainly perennial or at least biennial — has many stems proceeding from one root. — some of which persists in a living condition throughout the winter, bearing reddish colored leaves — It is one of the many vegetables of the Western country, to which the "Milk-sickness" has been referred. — It appears to me nearly allied to E. obtusata — the capsules, however, are differently marked. — Of the E. dentata, Mx I collected abundant specimens this summer on the banks of the Ohio near North Bend. but saw nothing there of the supposed E. peplus. — I hope you will enlighten us on this confused genus — the Species found on the Sandy borders of our Rivers, are no doubt much varied in their appearance by peculiarities of exposure, &c

I shall look with anxiety for Mr Lapham's plants, which you mention having rec'd for me. He preserves his specimens so beautifully that I am always pleased to get anything from him. Your own acc=

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ditions to his, however, will be still more highly prized. —

I shall devote my leisure moments during the winter to the distribution of a large collection of duplicates on hand, in which I hope to find some things which may be interesting to you. — There I will send to you in the course of the winter, or early in the Spring. — Meanwhile I promise myself the pleasure of hearing from you more than once.

Very Respectfully, my dear Sir,
I am your oblig'd friend
Chas. W. Short

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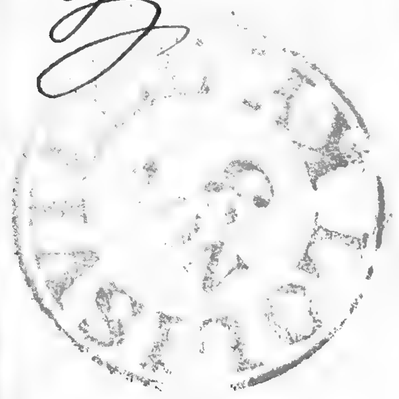
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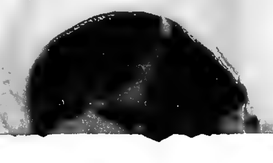
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Rec'd Dec. 11th
Ans Jan 6th

Louisville, Ky. Dec.r 6th. 1843

My dear Sir—

Some days ago I had the pleasure of receiving from you a parcel containing a set of Mr. Geyer's plants—1 from Mr. Lapham, and a few from yourself—for all of which I thank you; and particularly for your additions to my Equiseta.

Yesterday your favour of the 30th ult. reached me, and I herewith enclose to you Six Dollars for the parcel of Mr. Geyer's plants.—the remainy $4.00 of the $10. enclosed, you will please to credit me with, on acct. of Mr. Liedheimer's Texcan plants, of which I beg you to send me a set as soon as they are prepared for distribution. The balance on them shall be forwarded as soon as I am apprized of their cost.

I am now engaged in the distribution (into 20 different parcels!) of a large collection which has accumulated on my hands since the last spring; one of these is of course for yourself and I should be pleased to know whether there are any species in my collection of which you would like to have several duplicates.—I always collect largely of such as I consider in any way peculiar to this quarter—as of Psoralea stipulata—Solidago Shortii—Brachychaeta cordata, &c.&c.

Have you many ferns in your neighbourhood? I think I have rec.d none of this tribe from you.

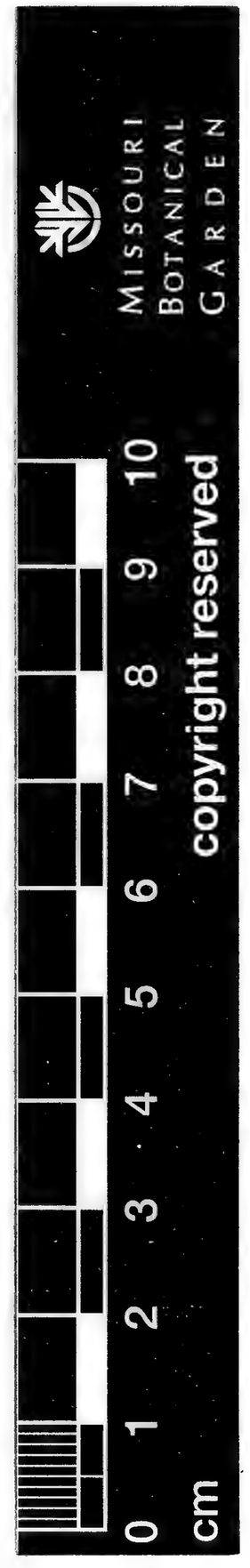
very Respectfully, my dear Sir, I am yours

C. L. Short.

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Rec'd March 11th
Ans March 13th

Louisville, Ky. March 3d. 1844.

My dear Sir —

I have just placed in the hands of my son-in-law Mr. Wm. T. Richardson, commission merchant of this place, a box directed to you containing a parcel of plants for yourself — one for Mr. S. B. Mead, of Augusta, Illinois, — and a third one for Mr. I. A. Lapham of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Ter. There gentlemen have intimated a wish that I should send to your care their things for them, and I hope that they have given you such information as will enable you to forward their respective parcels in such way, as may secure their safe arrival at their hands.

In the bundle for yourself I think you will find some things of interest. It contains, at least, several specimens of each of the Species which you particularly designated to me formerly, and of which, if desired, I can easily send you more at another time. In it also are a number of undetermined Helianthi — Solidagoes, and Asters which, if already in your collection, I would thank you to name & return to me. — Please, however, to retain any which you may desire to add to your Herbarium.

I should be pleased to hear from you on the rect. of the box, and am very truly your

Mar. 7th. The box above alluded to, has this day been shipd on Stm. "Amaranth" to care of Blaine Tomkins & Barrett 5th. 3d. & Richardson

C. W. Short.

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Rec'd May 25th
Ans'd Jan 5th 1846

Louisville, Ky. May 20th 1845.

My dear Sir—

A few days ago your favour of the 12th inst. came to hand, and on enquiring for the "Mountaineer", I found that the clerks had left the package of Plants with the Boat's agent, of whom I received it safely. I thank you kindly for the observations with which you have favoured me in relation to the Doubtful species of Helianthus, Solidago, Aster &c. of any of which genera one well determined and perfectly established species is a great gain.—

Of the Texan Plants I have only made one hasty examination, and find among them many things new to me; I shall, therefore, look anxiously for the printed Catalogue from Dr. Gray, as without it, I shall be in the dark concerning many of these plants. They appear, in the general, to be well preserved, and I am well satisfied with the lot which has fallen to my share — the balance due on them ($ 20.88) shall be sent to you very soon by some same conveyance.

Since writing to you last I have obtained a copy of Endlicher's Genera, where I find that Cedronella is established on Nuttall's Dracocephalum cordatum, as you suggest — with this plant I am well acquainted, having often met with it in the interior of Kentucky.

The Potentilla canadensis, Mx. is also an old acquaintance, especially abundant in the rocky rapids of Kentucky River — a good figure and description is given of it by Hooker, in his Comp. to Bot. Mag. Vol. 1. — of both of these plants

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I hope to be able to procure specimens for you in the course of the present season; for I have duplicates of nearly all at present in my collection.

Do you know of any Collectors now engaged in the Rocky Mountains, Oregon, California or any other portions of the Western Sea board?— I should be very glad to come in for a share of plants from any of those regions. From Sir. W. J. Hooker I rec.d, several years ago, a suite of specimens gather'd by poor Drummond, on one of the overland journeys of Sir John Franklin, but I have nothing from the Pacific coast.

I will send you in a few days a copy of "a Catalogue of the Plants of Florida by Dr. A. W. Chapman", which I have published in the Medical Journal of this place.

I find at Morton & Griswold's Bookstore this morning a large box, I suppose of Plants, directed to "S. B. Mead, Esq.r Augusta, Hancock Co. Illinois", consigned to my care here.— I will put it in the care of a friend of mine going to St. Louis in a few days, and will there consign it to the care of Mr. Charless, Republican office.— I make mention of this to you at this time, that Mr. or Dr. Mead, (Is he a Physician?) may be fully appriged of the facts— I will write them on the subject myself immediately— I know nothing of the history of it, except that it comes from the East, and through the hands of "Judah Dobson, Phil.a"

Very truly, my dear Sir,
I am your Respectfully
C. C. Short.

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Recd Jan 2d 1846
Ans Jan 5th.

Louisville. Ky. Dec.r 26th 1845.

My dear Sir—

When on the eve of leaving Louisville last Spring I wrote to you on the 21st of May, and in that letter informed you of the rec.t of your favour of the 12th of that month and also of the package of Japan plants, together with those from my own collection which you had been so kind as to examine & name for me. About that time my friend Dr. Henry being about to go to St. Louis, I sent by him to you $20.88 due on Mr. Lindheimer's plants, your rec.t for which he has since returned to me; and in the course of the Summer I received from Dr. Gray a copy of the Enumeratio, so that this matter is now arranged as it should be.

I have felt very anxious to learn what has been the issue of Mr. L.s further labours in Texas; and particularly the result of the explorations of Messrs. Geyer and Linden among the Rocky Mountains— Have they yet sent you any portion of their Collections; and are there any parcels not taken by subscribers? —If so I should like to come in for a share. Did Capt. Frémont take with him any good collector, on his last expedition, and when is he expected back?

I do not remember whether I told you in my last letter that I had been long familiar with the Podostemum ce-

ceratophyllum, Mx. which I have frequently seen on the rocky beds of the falls of this place, and in similar situations on other water courses, but I was not here in time this summer for collecting it — If I find duplicates in my Herbarium I will send you some this Spring. — With the Cedronella of Bartr, Nuttall's Dracocephalum cordatum, I am also well acquainted, and I think I can spare you a specimen of it also, although it has been some years since I had an opportunity of collecting it.

Dr. Mead requests me to send to your care a box of Plants from Penna. which has been some time lying here. I will do so as soon as the navigation opens, and to ensure its reaching you safely, I will thank you, at your earliest leisure, to give me your address in St. Louis; or the name of some Commercial house, near the Steamboat landing, where it will be rec.d and reported to you. Dr. M. tells me also that Dr. Chapman of Florida has promised to send to your care, for himself and me, as well as one for yourself, a parcel of Florida plants — I hope they will reach you safely, for independently of their interest from locality, Dr. C. preserves his Specimens very perfectly and beautifully.

Do you correspond with Dr. Steetz of Hamburg? — I have rec.d from him, at various times, a great number of European Plants —

Very truly, my dear Sir, I am yours

C. C. Short.

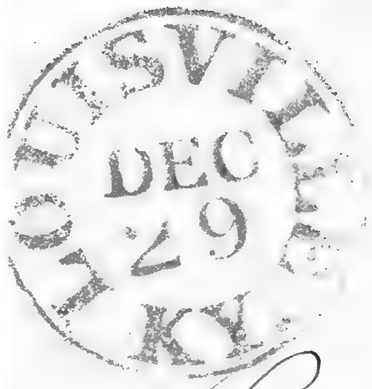
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Sir my dear friend
24 Dec 1879
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Rec'd March 6th
Ans. March 19th

Louisville, Ky. March 1st 1846.

My dear Sir—

As intimated to you in my letter of the 21st ult. I have just made up a parcel of dried plants for you, and another for Dr. Mead, of Illinois;—there are both enclosed in one envelope and directed to yourself, in the hope that some mode of communicating Dr. Mead's parcel to him may occur to you. If you have not forwarded the large box to him yet, (which I believe contains specimens of Pennsylvania plants from Mr. Wolle, of Bethlehem,) perhaps you may find room in it to enclose this small parcel from myself.

I am sorry that your parcel is not a larger one and more worthy of your acceptance. It contains, indeed, but little more than what I have formerly sent you; but you will find in it more perfect and mature specimens, with ripened seed, of Gray's Brachychate, which I fear he has done some violence to nature in seperating from Solidago. It surely can form but a sub-genus at most. I send you also more characteristic specimens than formerly of a Scutellaria from this neighbourhood, which differs, I think, specifically from any of my forms of S. pilosa. Dr. Gray thought it exclusively different. But, although the specimens I sent him had ripened flowers — one or two of your specimens are in flower, so that I trust you will be able to determine the point. He inquired earnestly,

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(some specimens being fully three feet high) cannot be ascribed to any great fertility of soil producing it, for the only localities in which I have found it are in inferior soil — a thin whitish clay, producing mainly oak trees, of different kinds, which you know are not found in our richest lands. I am no friend to the unnecessary multiplication of genera or species either, and therefore not disposed to contend for the specific difference of this: but if on thorough examination you think it undescribed, I would be pleased to have it named *S. Griswoldi*, after its first discoverer Mr. Griswold, a book-seller of this place, who once paid much attention to Botany, and who still is much attached to its study, although his engagements do not at present permit him to cultivate it with the ardor he once did. — Any conventional name *S. hirsuta* is of no consequence whatever.

You will find in the parcel, moreover, several specimens of *Euphorbia dentata*, exp. spurning several varieties of form, which may enable you to make out more complete suites of this genus, which you have studied so diligently, for your correspondents. — In it also are three or four specimens of Rafinesque's *Tradescatia glapuosa* — one of the very few discoveries to which that great pretender is really entitled!

Can you tell me what is the cause of the great delay in the publication of the next-coming part of the Flora of North America? — I really begin to fear the

some feud, or source of difference, has sprung up between its authors which may seriously interrupt, if not entirely suspend the further progress of this useful and important work. Knowing as I do so well the unhallowed disposition of Doctors — I mean American Doctors, to quarrel, this seems to me the most probable cause of this unfortunate interruption or suspension of a work, to which we are all looking forward with so much anxiety. Cannot yourself — Mr Sullivant — Mr Oakes — Mr Carey, and a few other of the more qualified of our Botanists, expedite this matter by working up some of the more difficult families for the authors? — Why is this plan now pursued, as you know, in Decandolle's Prodromus, and, I believe, all other botanical works on the continents of Europe. — Dr Steetz has just sent me the 1st Vol. of Plantæ Preissianæ, which, although edited by Dr Lehmann, seems really to have been the joint products of himself and several other authors. Will you please to consider this matter, and think if something of the sort may not be done to give a new impetus to this desireable object?

I think I shall pack the bundle for yourself and Dr Mead, in the hands of my friend & colleague Dr Drake, who will leave this immediately after our commencement, on a visit to his son in St Louis.

Very truly & Respectfully I am yours C. W. Short.

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Rec'd April 23d 1846.
Ans April 30

Louisville, Ky. April 18th 1846.

My dear Sir —

During my absence from this place for the last ten days, Dr Drake arrived here from St. Louis bringing with him the parcels of plants which you had confided to his care, and which have just afforded me a rich treat in looking over. This, as indeed every other parcel received from you, is most acceptable and highly prized, and for it you will, therefore, please to accept my heartiest thanks — Several of the contained species are entirely new to me, and all are welcome. — I am well pleased to learn that you are likely soon to have other collections of Mr Lindheimer, in sufficient quantity for distribution, and I hope you will consider me as a Subscriber for the ensuing 50. As soon as you can ascertain the cost and will let me know it, the amt. shall be forwarded to you.

Your favour of April 9th reached this, a day or two before my return; and the preceding one of the 19th March also came to hand in due course of mail. I trust sincerely from the united labours of your friend & Dr. Gregg, should they travel together, that we may promise ourselves considerable additions to our knowledge of the natural history of the interesting regions they may visit — It is truly astonishing that Capt. Fremont should not have taken with him a competent naturalist and collector. His other duties must necessarily interfere with his attention to details of this kind.

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I shall be on the alert for the flowers of the Indora and as the plant is abundant in a spot near at hand I hope to secure them. The Podostemum I have no doubt that I shall be able to secure in any quantity for you, should the river become as low this summer as usual. It is found covering the rocks of the falls, exposed at low water, in immense quantities. The Dracocephalum (Coronella, Benth.) coerulium, I have only found in one or two localities in the central path of Ky. —

I fear that my friend Drake has promised for me more than I shall be able to effect, in regard to a visit to the mountains of Ky. & Tenn. The South Eastern corner of this State is almost the only portion of it which I have not examined, and I have long been anxious to see it; but I am by no means certain that I shall be able to do so this season, or ever. — Indeed, Sir, the calls of a large family on my time and attention, and the res angusta domi, under which I have always laboured, have compelled me to be but parum cultor et infrequens of the Botanic Muse; and hence I have had small opportunities of doing more than merely collecting as I have travelled a-long; and now I have become almost too old to do much more even in this way. — But wherever I may go, and what-ever I may collect, you may rest assured that a full por-tion of all my gatherings shall be yours.

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I cannot say that I am sorry to learn from you, that your time and attention are so much absorbed by professional engagements, as to leave but little leisure time for botanical pursuits — for Doubtless you find the former much more profitable, in regard to pecuniary returns: but I will say that I do wish sincerely that your circumstances and situation enabled you to devote your time and talents exclusively to our favourite Science — Then we might expect a more rapid development of the richness of our western Flora, than seems at present to await it. Indeed we may truly say of it, in the language of Scripture, — "the harvest is great, though the labourers are few" — Indeed with the exception of yourself and Mr Sullivant, I know, of no succesful gleaners in this immense field!

As soon as you learn anything of the prospect of getting a portion of Geyer's plants, I hope you will let me hear of it.

Very Respectfully and truly,

my dear Sir, — I am yours

C. W. Short

G. Engelmann, M.D.

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Rec'd Sept 19th
Ans Sept 26

Louisville, Ky. Sept. 16th 1846

My dear Sir—

I had the pleasure yesterday of receiving from Dr. A. W. Chapman, of Apalachicola, Florida, a paper package containing 1st a parcel of plants for yourself—2dly one for Dr. Mead & 3dly one for myself. Dr. A. requests me to forward the two former to yourself, with an expression of his desire that you would do him the favour to forward the parcel for Dr. Mead to him in some safe manner. I have accordingly, after taking out my own share, made up yours & Dr. M's in a strong bundle, and directed it to you, which I will send on by the first St. Louis boat.

As with everything else which I have ever gotten from Dr. Chapman, I find my share of this sending to consist of well-preserved specimens of highly interesting plants, among which are several undetermined Euphorbiæ; and presuming that he has sent duplicates of the same to yourself, I shall before long take the liberty of forwarding mine to you with a request that you will name them. Your critical study of this genus has, I believe, made you quite familiar with all the American species.

I have been watching the rocks at our falls very closely this summer for the purpose of obtaining specimens of the Podostemum for you, but as yet the water has never become

become low enough. Should the opportunity occur you may rest assured of my fulfilling your wishes on this head.

It has been entirely out of my power this season to do anything in the way of collecting, and hence I have done nothing for your friend & correspondent, Hohenacker, nor do I even know the Aristolochia officinalis or A. polyschiza. To a young man and industrious collector the inducements you offer are quite sufficient to excite to action in this behalf, but to an old one like myself, the labour would be greater than I should be willing or able to undergo.

I hope in overhauling my Herbarium this winter to find somethings which may be acceptable to you, in which event I will not fail to communicate them.

Very Respectfully, my dear Sir,

I am yours truly

C. C. Frost.

P.S. Since writing the above Mr. Richardson has forwarded the parcels by the "Brunetta" which leaves this afternoon for St. Louis. — I hope it will reach you in safety.

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Rec^d July 2^d
Ans July 26

Louisville, Ky. June 28th 1847.

My dear Sir —

Your kind favr of the 29th April was rec^d in due course of mail and I called immediately and very frequently on Mr. John Smith, cigar dealer, in the hope of finding the promised parcel from Dr. Gregg; but it was not until a few days ago that I was so fortunate as to find it in the store of a boat agent, where it had been for sometime; and where it might have remained 'till Doomsday, before he would have troubled himself to inform me of it — So reckless, careless & indifferent are these fellows! — I have found many things interesting and curious, as well as entirely novel to me, in this parcel, and I thank you kindly for your remarks upon them.

I have now the pleasure of informing you that I have rec^d another parcel from Dr. Gregg for yourself, and also another for myself — He (Dr. G.) as I learn by a letter just rec^d from him at Cin^i, passed through this place a few days ago on his way to the East, but I missed seeing him by being in the country at the time. He therefore left the parcels for us with a mutual friend, and I have enclosed yours (which I learn from Dr. G. consists of minerals & Mexican seed,) in a wooden box, directed to you, and left it in the hands of my son-in-law W. W. A. Richardson, Commission Merch^t Wall Street, who promises to forward it to St. Louis by the first boats —

My

my bundle consits entirely of Mexican seeds, among which I find two varieties or species of what D^r. G. calls piñon seed, about the size of small hazle-nuts, and very pleasant to the taste. I hope you will find some of the same in your package, and that you will tell me what they are.

A Gentleman some years ago told me that the traders between St. Fee and the U.S. sometimes were subsisted for a long time on a nut which he called pinyan, and which I suspect is this very thing.

I am doing but little this season in the way of Botany, being very much engaged for a time in matters foreign to Science — What in the world delays the publication of another number of the N.A. Flora so long?

Very truly & respectfully,

My dear sir,

I am yours C. C. Gibbs

D^r. Engelmann

St Louis.

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Rec'd April 11th
Ans'd April 14

Louisville, Ky. April 5th 1848.

My dear Sir—

Your favour of the 29th inst. reached me this morning, and reminds me that I have been remiss in not acknowledging before your previous letter of Jan. 15th, which reached me in due course, and which should have been promptly answered, at the time, but for the pressure of other duties then crowding on me.

I notice with much pleasure your reference to Mr. Fendler's collections, in both your last letters, and am much gratified to learn that they are so near ready for distribution. I will be under great obligations to you to secure a set for me, and would now enclose the amt. in money to you, if I knew the precise sum. Please to inform me at your earliest convenience what a complete suit of his Mexican collections will amount to, and I will immediately remit it to you.— You are a much better judge than I can be of what they are worth, so far as the value of such things can be computed in Dollars and cents!

All the specimens which I have rec'd from Dr. Gregg, have been forwarded as soon as I took over them to Drs Torrey and Gray, in the hope that they might aid them somewhat in the completion of their N. American Flora, which I am very sorry to see gets on so slowly. What can be the cause of the Delay?

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In forwarding Mr. Yendell's plants, as well as those recently received for me from Dr. Mead, you will please direct the parcel to Wm. Allen Richardson, Bullitt Street Louisville; and at the same time address a line to him by mail, informing him of the fact; or they may be lost through the carelessness of steam boat clerks. As I shall spend a large portion of this summer in the country, this precaution will be the more necessary.

I hope to do something in the way of collecting this season, and if anything worthy your acceptance should occur to me, it will give me great pleasure to communicate it —

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt.
C. W. Short

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Rec'd April 29
Ans. June 16

Louisville, Ky. apl. 25th 1848.

My dear Sir —

Your favr. of the 14th inst., enclosed one to Mr. Richardson, reached me a few days ago, but I am very sorry to learn from Mr. R. that the boat by which you forwarded the parcel of plants, hoped on to Pittsburgh without leaving it. We shall watch for it on its return, and endeavour to secure it. — Lest, however, it should slip by again, without our seeing it, I will thank you to enquire on board when it returns to St. Louis —

Enclosed above I send you a check on a St. L. house for the amt. of the Mexican plants — Please inform me of the payment of the check —

At a moment of more leisure I will take pleasure in replying to the other matter of your late letter —

In the meanwhile, I remain very truly yours,

C. W. Short.

Dr. G. Engelmann.

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Rec'd June 8th
Ans'd June 18th

Mayfield near Louisville, Ky.
June 3d 1848—

My dear Sir—

On the 7 I enclosed to you a check from Mr. Richardson on a house in St. Louis for $27.30, the price of the parcel of New-Mexican plants, which reached me safely, though some weeks afterwards; the Clerk of the Steam boat by which you sent them having dropt them in an office on the River, whence by chance I got them. An examination of them, altho. without name, has given me much pleasure, and their fine state of preservation certainly does great credit to their collector. I shall look anxiously for the names corresponding to the numbers attached to them.

About the first of last month (May) I wrote to you again from this, where I went on a visit to my Brother— In which I said something in answer to enquiries which you were pleased to put to me, in reference to your call to the chair of Mat. Med. in the University of St. Louis. I have since met with a gentleman of that place, who seems to have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, who tells me that you speak our language remarkably well. This being the case one great difficulty in your way is removed, and I hope you have accepted. From the rapid growth of St. Louis, it must at some no distant day, have at least one flourishing Medical School, and I should

be greatly gratified to see you in such an one. Few persons in this country, I am fully apprised, are so well qualified as yourself to discharge the duties of such a Station ably and honorably.

Having not heard from you since writing either of these two letters, I am somewhat fearful that they have not reached you. Will you do me the favour to inform me concerning them.—

Through the Post Office I rec^d. a week or two ago a copy of your "sketch of the Botany of Dr. Wislizenus's Expedition", but I do not know whether I am indebted to him or yourself for it.

From seeds given me by Dr. Gregg I have now vegetating in my Garden the Pinus edulis — the Maguey (Agave Americana?) — the Mezquite tree, &c. Do you suppose these plant will stand our climate?

I am truly gratified to find by the "Sketch", that you have dedicated a new genus of Mexican plants to Dr. Gregg — his zeal and devotion to Scientific pursuits, under very discouraging disadvantages, surely well entitle him to this honor. — I should like very much to see this 'Rock Rose'.

Very truly and Respectfully
my dear Sir, I am yours
C. W. Short

Dr. Geo. Engelmann
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Rec'd Oct 25 — ans.
Ans. Nov 3d 1848.

Louisville, Ky. Oct. 22d. 1848.

My Dear Sir —

Being about to undertake an overhauling of my Herbarium, and introducing into it a number of species received from different quarters, I find that I am yet unfurnished with the names of Fendler's plants of New Mexico, which I received through your kind agency. Can you do me the singular favour to put me in the way of getting them names? The Tickets, as you may remember, are all numbered, but no names are given, and without them I shall be unable to distribute them among the others of my Herbarium.

A young officer, but lately returned from the city of Mexico, has brought me, preserved in alcohol, a few flowers of the "manito" or Hand-flower Tree — Cheirostemon platanoides, Humb. together with the leaves preped dry. Have you any device to have a specimen of this singular flower? But one tree is said to be found in the neighbourhood of Mexico.

Should I be able to find anything in my Herbarium, or among my Duplicates, which I may think worthy your acceptance, I will not fail to lay them aside for you.

Very Respectfully, my dear Sir.

I am yours

C. C. Short.

Dr Engelmann.

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St. Louis,

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Rec Dec 28
Ans Jan 27

Louisville, Ky. Dec. 18th 1848.

My dear Sir—

I have this moment placed in the hands of Mr. Richardson, to be forwarded to you by the first St. Louis boat, a box containing one parcel of plants for Dr. S. B. Mead— two parcels for Mr. I. A. Lapham, and two small ones for yourself, one being a flower of the Cheiostemon in alcohol. The parcels for Messrs. Mead & Lapham are chiefly duplicates of European plants which have been for some time accumulating on my hands; and I much regret that in overhauling my Herbarium so far, I find so few which I supposed would be of any interest to yourself.

As the box contains so small a portion for yourself, I have requested Mr. Richardson to pay the freight on it, and send you the bill of lading. And I must crave your indulgence for having troubled you with the several parcels mentioned. Dr Mead has desired me to send his parcel to your care, and as St. Louis is somewhat more on the route to Milwaukee than Louisville, I have enclosed that to Mr. L. also, and will request him to instruct you how to proceed with it— By the Spring I hope to have something more worthy of your acceptance.

In the meantime, with great regard,

I am, my dear Sir, yours

C. W. Short.

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P.S. I have neglected to thank you for your letter containing the names of some of Fendler's plants, if reached me in due time and I am greatly obliged to you for it — How shall I get the balance?

I have heard nothing direct from Dr. Gregg, for some considerable time; but through a gentleman of this place, to whom he wrote a few months ago, I learn that he was at Saltillo engaged in the practice of Physicks.

My dear Sir

I have this day forwarded the bag alluded to in the foregoing letter by the Wilmington to care of Messrs Chouteau & Co St Louis & requested them to pay freights and charges on my general account with Dup B'L enclosed.

Yours very truly

M. A. Pinkerton

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Dock. Geo. Engelmann,

St. Louis,

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Rec'd Jan 22d
Ans Jan 27

Louisville, Ky. Jan 16th 1849.

My dear Sir —

About the 20th of Dec.r I placed in the hands of Mr. Richardson a box of some size directed to you, requesting him to forward it to St. Louis by the first safe boat, and to be certain to pay the freight on it. — I learnt a few days afterwards that he had sent the box to the care of Chiles & Carr, St. Louis, and that the freight had been charged to him (Mr. R.). Knowing, however, as I do the reckless and inattentive character of these steam boat men, I am very much afraid that you have been called upon to pay this freight, which would mortify me exceedingly, because the box contained very little for yourself, being chiefly fill'd with parcels for Dr. Mead and Mr. Lapham. It was bad enough to trouble you to take charge of these things, and forward them to their destinations, without requiring of you to pay the charges on them. I must, therefore, beg the favour of you to put me at ease on this matter by informing me whether you have rec.d the box, and whether you were call'd on for the freight, its amt. &c. — In it was a small parcel of dried plants for yourself, and a flower of the Cheirostemon in spirits.

I am sorry to say that, in consequence of much sickness in my family this winter, the death of one of my grandchildren, a fine little boy 4 years old, and my professional duties, I have been unable to do anything more, in the way of overhauling my Herbarium, since

since the date of my last to you of Dec.r 18.th, When I am able to resume this labour I trust that I may find some other things of interest to you.

I am much pleased to see that Sir W. J. Hooker has republished in the Botanical Magazine your account of the botanical labours of Dr. Wislizenus on his late Mexican expedition. Could not a work of this kind (Curtis' Mag.) be sustained in this country, devoted altogether to the plants of North America? — At the price I pay for Curtis's (#15 per ann.) I should think a limited number of subscribers would defray the expenses.

I think I informed you in my last that I had heard Dr. Gregg was practising physick in Salisbo. Have you heard from him lately?

Very Respectfully,
My dear Sir,
I am yours,
C. W. Short

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Rec'd March 28th
Ans " "

Louisville Ky. March 22d. 1849

My dear Sir—

Your favour of the 25th Jan. and that also of the 17th Feb. (with a list of names of Fendler's plants corrected from your first report,) have reached me in due course of mail; and but a day or two ago I had the pleasure of receiving the large and beautifully printed Plantæ Fendlerianæ, which I owe also to your kindness.

On comparing my parcel of these plants with this printed Catalogue I find that the numbers (in pencil) attached to the specimens, do not agree with the names given in the Catalogue.—This is especially the case with the Compositæ.—Which those labels which are numbered with ink are correct, agreeing with the printed names! How shall I make up this omission or error?—

I see from some remarks of Dr. Gray in this publication that Mr. Fendler is about to start, or has started, again in quest of Californian Plants. Can you place my name on the list of Subscribers for his next set.? A young man from Wisconsin, named Cornwell, wrote home that he was going there also, on the same mission, and that he would pop through St. Louis about this time. I advised him by all means to call and see you, and get some instructions from you as to his proceedings — Fendler's plants are beautifully preserved.

Much sickness in my family throughout the winter, and other engagements since the close of our Lectures

have prevented me from doing much towards overhauling my Herbarium, and distributing duplicates. I hope still to do something in this way before the summer sets in, when I shall endeavour to lay aside somethings of intrest to you — I rec.d a few days ago a small collection of plants from Cuba, among which are several unnamed Euphorbia. As you have paid much attention to this genus I will send them to you for determination.

I am quite ashamed of myself for the manner in which I have treated Dr. Steetz, of Hamburg. After several year's exchange and correspondence with him, I thought I had exhausted my resources and had nothing new to communicate; So that I have not written or sent anything to him for three or four years, although in the meanwhile I have rec.d one parcel from him. He and Prof.r Meisner, of Basel, have been my most liberal contributors from the Continent. I have also rec.d from Sir Wm. J. Hooker a large portion of the Herbarium of Gouan, of Montpelier; so that my European Collection is perhaps more complete than that of my own country.

Very truly and gratefully
I am my dear Sir, yours
C. C. Short.

Dr. Engelmann,
St. Louis.

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